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The illegitimate so-called "international coalition" led by the United States has perpetrated a new massacre against innocent Syrians. On Tuesday, 1 May 2018, that coalition's warplanes bombed residential neighbourhoods in the village of Fadil in the countryside of southern Hasakah governorate. Some 25 civilians were killed, two of them elderly men and the rest women and children. More than 100 civilians were injured. The bombing also caused damage to civilian homes and property, and to the village's infrastructure.

Such massacres — which have become too numerous to count — continue to be perpetrated against the Syrian people by the coalition. The coalition is systematically providing support to the remnants of the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization and trying to reactivate that organization in the form of the separatist militias that are proxies of the United States in Hasakah, Raqqah and Dayr al-Zawr governorates. All that merely confirms that the only goal of that coalition is to undermine the authority and territorial integrity of the Syrian Arab Republic and prolong the Syrian crisis, in stark contravention of Security Council resolutions, which have all stressed the need to preserve the unity of the people and territory of the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Syrian Arab Republic calls upon the Security Council to fulfil its responsibility to maintain international peace and security, and to act immediately to put an end to the war crimes and crimes against humanity being perpetrated by the coalition against the Syrian people, and to prevent the coalition from committing such crimes again. The Council must also act to end the hostile presence of United States and other foreign forces in Syrian territory and prevent the United States from carrying out its schemes to partition the Syrian Arab Republic and plunder its resources. Those schemes have been exposed by this new crime committed by the United States, as they were by previous crimes, including in particular the annihilation of the city of Raqqah and the attack launched by the United States, France and Britain against the Syrian Arab Republic on 14 April 2018.

I should be grateful if this present letter could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

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